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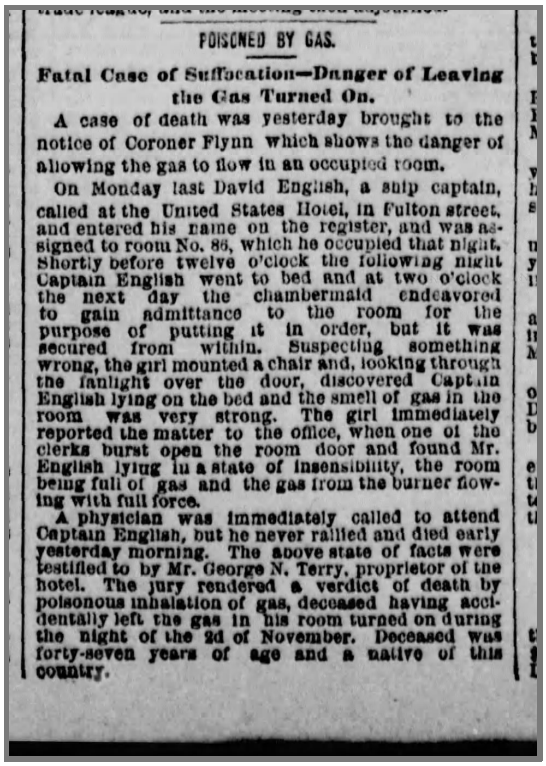

POISONED BY GAS.

Fatal Case of Suffocation—Danger of Leaving the Gas Turned On.

A case of death was yesterday brought to the notice of Coroner Flynn which shows the danger of allowing the gas to flow in an occupied room.

On Monday last David English, a ship captain, called at the United States Hotel, in Fulton street, and entered his name on the register, and was assigned to room No. 86, which he occupied that night. Shortly before twelve o'clock the following night Captain English went to bed and at two o'clock the next day the chambermaid endeavored to gain admittance to the room for the purpose of putting it in order, but it was secured from within. Suspecting something wrong, the girl mounted a chair and, looking through the fanlight over the door, discovered Captain English lying on the bed and the smell of gas in the room was very strong. The girl immediately reported the matter to the office, when one of the clerks burst open the room door and found Mr. English lying in a state of insensibility, the room being full of gas and the gas from the burner flowing with full force.

A physician was immediately called to attend Captain English, but he never rallied and died early yesterday morning. The above state of facts were testified to by Mr. George N. Terry, proprietor of the hotel. The jury rendered a verdict of death by poisonous inhalation of gas, deceased having accidentally left the gas in his room turned on during the night of the 2d of November. Deceased was forty-seven years of age and a native of this country.

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